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DETAILED ACTION

Reply Brief Noted

1. The reply brief filed October 5, 2005 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

The Examiner notes that the citations from the references are only made for the convenience of the Applicant and that the rejections are based on the entire reference. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to read and understand the entirety of the invention disclosed in the reference, not only the cited exemplary sections.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Exr. James W. Myhre whose telephone number is (571) 272-6722. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 5:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

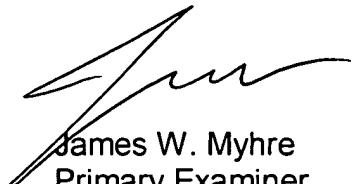
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric Stamber, can be reached on (571) 272-6724. The fax phone number for Formal or Official faxes to Technology Center 3600 is (571) 273-8300. Draft or Informal faxes, which will not be entered in the application, may be submitted directly to the examiner at (571) 273-6722.

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